

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ;  
Yigong SHI ;  
Serial No. 10/769,218 : Group Art Unit: 1656  
Filed: January 30, 2004 : Examiner: Alexander D. KIM  
For: CASPASE-9:BIR3 DOMAIN OF XIAP COMPLEXES AND METHODS  
OF USE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Response are filed in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action set forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. A three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time is concurrently filed herewith, accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.